



# *Milpitas Police Department*

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### **2011 “Leaders of Tomorrow” Explorer Competition**

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**Details:**

On Saturday, April 30, 2011, ten Milpitas Police Explorers attended the 2011 “Leaders of Tomorrow” Law Enforcement Explorer Team Competition sponsored by Chief’s and Sheriff’s Association of San Mateo County. There were approximately thirty-one police departments with over two hundred Police Explorers from Northern California, Central California and Las Vegas, Nevada. The competition was held at Canada College in Redwood City and included a full day of training, scenario competitions, and other law enforcement-related events. These included static vehicle displays, a S.W.A.T team rescue demonstration, K9 demonstrations and much more.

First, second and third place awards were given out in each of the four individual events/scenarios and each of the nine team scenarios. The Explorers were randomly given their assignments upon check-in, so they were unable to prepare for specific events but were required to be prepared for all of the events. The Milpitas Police Explorers did an outstanding job and returned home with four awards. This is the most they have ever won in any competition.

Explorer **Anthony DeRosa** won a 1st place trophy in the Police Physical Performance event which consisted of a running start obstacle course, hurdle, cone pattern, 6' wall, and dummy drag.

Explorers **Jaskirat Singh, Anthony DeRosa** and **Komal Kaur** won the 1st place trophy in Traffic Accident Investigation. Explorers responded to a non-injury collision and were graded on responsibility assignment at the scene, investigative techniques, interviewing drivers/occupants and documentation of the information.

Explorers **Brian Thanh, Tiffany Santellano** and **Henry Pan** won the 2nd place trophy in Hostage Negotiations. They were scored on the effectiveness of establishing contact with the suspect, responding to the suspect’s demands and resolving the incident within an allotted time.

Explorer **Jaskirat Singh** won a 3rd place trophy in the Sample Entry Level Police Officer Written Examination which all of the explorers were required to participate in.

All of their accomplishments are a result of the continuous training provided by Officer Gene Smith, Officer Asim Qureshi and other Milpitas Police Officers and Reserve Officers which included: Dennis Kraft, Kris Strauss and Kevin Jackson. The Milpitas Police Explorers did an outstanding job and gained a lot of experience while participating in the competition.

The Milpitas Police Explorers are young adults, ages 14 to 20, who have an interest in law enforcement and to volunteer their time to assist the Milpitas Police Department and City of Milpitas during special events. For more information about the Milpitas Police Explorer program, call 586-2400.



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Pictured from left to right: (back row) Jaskirat Singh, Brian Thanh, Anthony DeRosa, Henry Pan, Daniel Sevilla, Robin Sharma; (front row) Samantha Kraft, Komal Kaur, Tiffany Santellano, Mercedes Cruz.

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